



President's Corner

The GSC/NGCSU Implementation Team held its first meeting last Friday. The main agenda included getting to know each other, discussing process, and identifying major issues that need to be addressed.

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which contains a brief introduction as well as links to the University System of Georgia and the North Georgia College & State University consolidation webpages.

An "Updates" box to the right contains links to the news releases that have been distributed about the process. As new information becomes available, it will be linked to this area. Finally, we have established an email address, consolidation@gsc.edu, for questions and comments.

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*Society for
Cross-Cultural Research*

Havill named president-elect of research society

The members of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research have chosen **Dr. Valerie Havill**, Gainesville State College Associate Professor of Psychology, as their next President-Elect. The Society for Cross-Cultural Research is an international, multidisciplinary organization with members that share a common devotion to the conduct of cross-cultural research. The Society consists of professionals and students from the social science fields of psychology, anthropology, sociology, and relevant fields including education, family studies, psychiatry, communications, social work, and business. Founded in 1971, a distinguishing characteristic of the Society, compared with other academic organizations, is that it is fundamentally inter-disciplinary and provides members the opportunity to network with scholars from a wide variety of approaches to cross-cultural and comparative research.

Havill was first introduced to cross-cultural research by her introductory psychology professor, Ruth H. Munroe. Professor Ruth Munroe and her anthropologist husband Professor R. Lee Munroe discussed their own field work in four cultures and team-taught a class on socialization and personality development with a cross-cultural perspective. This student-teacher mentorship continued through graduate school, and the Munroes consulted with Havill

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Consolidation Update from Dr. Nesbitt. . .

Implementation Team posts meeting recap online

We have posted the recap of the Implementation Team's initial meeting that took place last Friday. You may check our web site under the "Consolidation Information" link to see this recap.

GSC will have some open forums once we receive specific guidance from the Implementation Committee. At GSC we hope to use existing meetings, such as the faculty meetings, Staff Council and Faculty Senate meetings, Administrative Council, and others to gather feedback on the issues being considered in consolidation.

Because we could only request one year

on deferring our Compliance Audit, QEP, and SACS visit, the plan for the GSC/NGCSU consolidation will be submitted to SACS by October 1, 2012, with official consolidation taking place in January, 2013. While this is the plan, there will not be complete consolidation of many programs (e.g., institutional budgets, financial aid) until July 1, 2013. So for spring semester of 2013, there will be several parallel programs and activities taking place.

Dr. Panu is coordinating the GSC Implementation Team, and I am a member. As the Implementation Team

organizes and establishes various work groups, Dr. Panu will keep the college community informed.



GSC students Mariana Rodriguez (top left) and Antonio Anderson compete at the Tournament at Emory.

Chess Club competes

On February 11, the Chess Club sent 10 students representing GSC to compete in the annual Georgia Chess Association Tournament at Emory University. Despite competing with larger senior colleges, including universities, GSC tied for fifth place out of 14 teams. The Chess Club plays chess each Wednesday from 12 to 1:10 in Academic II, Room 192. Everyone is invited!

In the GSC Chess Club's campus chess tournament on February 15 in the library, Chess Club Vice President Anthony Harden won First Place and a \$50



gift card, Lucious Mathers won Second Place and a \$25 gift card, and Chess Club Secretary Becky Lutz won Third Place and a \$15 gift card. The Chess Club's next tournament will be held on 3/26 from 7:15 to 9:45 p.m. in the library's AV room. All GSC students, staff, and faculty are welcome to compete, and there is no charge.

Ringling Our Bells

Donna Danns and **Dr. George Danns** attended The Conference of the Americas, sponsored by the University System of Georgia and Armstrong Atlantic University, Georgia Gwinnett College, Georgia Perimeter College, Kennesaw State University, and North Georgia College & State University. The Conference was held February 10-11 at Georgia Perimeter College. The couple presented a joint paper on "Financial Literacy in the Caribbean."

Gloria Bennett's poem, "The Wedding Dress," has been accepted for publication in the April/May issue of *Literary Juice*.

Gloria Bennett presented an original short work of fiction at the Mildred Haun Conference in Morristown, Tennessee, on February 4, 2012.

Chris Jonick attended the Georgia Accounting Association Educators conference at ABAC in Tifton, GA on February 3 and 4 and gave a presentation entitled "The Key Number

Approach to Introductory Accounting." **Anne Duke** and **Jennifer Schneider** also attended the conference.

Sloan Jones, Director of Public Relations & Marketing at GSC, has been named to the board of directors of WomenSource as of January 2012. She was selected because of her skill, experience, and expertise in her field, her desire to be an active participant in the Gainesville-Hall County community, and her commitment and passion for the mission of WomenSource. WomenSource is a non-profit charitable organization that was founded in 2008 to encourage women in our community to achieve personal and professional success.

The Business Division is proud to announce that **Anne Duke** successfully defended her dissertation on February 13. She completed a Ph.D. in Consumer Economics with an emphasis in Financial Planning at UGA. Please join us in congratulating DR. Duke on her wonderful accomplishment!

Honors Program sponsors second Annual CIRCA

CIRCA (Conference for Innovation, Research, and the Creative Arts) 2012 will be the second annual GSC undergraduate interdisciplinary conference to showcase student class work that demonstrates exceptional innovation, research, or creative endeavor. Submissions are invited from students for papers, oral presentations, posters, and artistic endeavors. An event will be held at the Gainesville and Oconee Campuses to provide students the opportunity to present their work to a student, faculty, and staff audience. The GSC Honors Program sponsors CIRCA with financial support from the GSC Foundation.

Application Deadline: Friday, February 24, 2012, at 3 p.m.

Application Process: The application is linked to the Honors/CIRCA website at <http://www.gsc.edu/academics/honors/Pages/CIRCA.aspx>. The application requires no material beyond the application form; therefore, questions should be answered in such a way that the committee has a clear picture of the innovative idea, research, or creative expression.



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TOWER TALK is the official communication vehicle for Gainesville State College faculty and staff members and is published biweekly by the Office of Public Relations and Marketing. Submissions for the next edition should be emailed to dkrewson@gsc.edu or sent to Debbie Krewson, Public Relations & Marketing, to be received by noon, Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

Posters should be printed and laminated, preferably. (Student Life has poster printers available, and the library at Oconee has one.)

Oral Presentations (such as reading an essay or showing a PowerPoint) will be 10 minutes each.

Oral Presentation Panels should have three or four students presenting 10 minutes each.

Visual Arts should be portable and able to be displayed on its own easel or other stand. We welcome painting, sculpture, digital media (providing your own computer), and other forms of expression.

Performances: We hope to offer several short performances at each campus, but decisions regarding these will be based, in part, on the availability of proper venue.

Review Process: On each campus, a group of faculty and staff will review the abstracts. This committee, along with the current and former Honors Program Directors, will read and choose those abstracts to be accepted for presentation. Please remember that the abstract must be well-written and in language understandable to the general public. Discipline-specific jargon should be avoided, or if necessary should be clearly defined.

Awards: Awards will be given for Outstanding CIRCA Projects in each of the four Schools. In addition, participation in CIRCA will be recorded on the co-curricular transcript, which records verifiable student activities that occur outside the classroom. The co-curricular transcript highlights excellence in leadership, philanthropy, undergraduate research, and other educational experiences beyond coursework.

Those students whose work has been

accepted will be contacted via email. Presentations will be made at the home campus.

CIRCA Oconee 2012: Monday, March 19, 2012. Location: Room 522 (See Oconee CIRCA Program at website when posted in March.)

CIRCA Gainesville 2012: Wednesday, March 21, 2012. Location: Robinson Ballroom, stage area, and some small meeting rooms in the Student Center. (See Gainesville CIRCA Program at website when posted in March.)

Sessions will be held during the day. Exact times of poster sessions, performances, art exhibits, and presentations will be provided once the program is created.

QUESTIONS? Contact **Dr. Mary Carney** or a member of the CIRCA committee on your campus:

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Cross-cultural research

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as she managed an NIMH-funded international study on child personality. Havill knows the value of rigorous training in challenging courses with faculty that invest much of their time and energy in their students. She attempts to bring the same enthusiasm, knowledge, and support to her GSC students.

Ethics training is mandatory for all

The University System of Georgia is now requiring all of its employees to take a yearly online ethics RENEWAL training course. The course is entirely online and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. *All* GSC employees must complete the training; the System Office considers the training a condition of continued employment. The goal is to have everyone trained by April 30th. Once an employee has completed the training, the HR department will be notified by the computer program that he or she has completed the training.

Please contact Amy Collins with any questions about the Ethics Training at acollins@gsc.edu or 678-717-3824. Former student workers who are no longer on the GSC payroll should email that confirmation to Amy—HR may not always know of the employee's departure.

1. To begin the training, go to GSC's

page for eLearning access:

<http://www.gsc.edu/academics/eLearning/Pages/default.aspx>

2. THEN click on the following image/link:



Click here to logon to eLearning

3. Sign in using your regular GSC computer log-in. (HINT: for best results, re-boot your computer prior to taking the course.)

4. Click on the course link named **Training—Ethics—FEB 2012—Ethics Revisited**. This should bring you to the **Student View, ETHICS COURSE, Course Content** page on which you'll find instructions, ethics policy presentation, and assessments section. *Please note that your training is not complete until you successfully complete the assessment (with a score of 80% or better) AND the Compliance Agreement.*

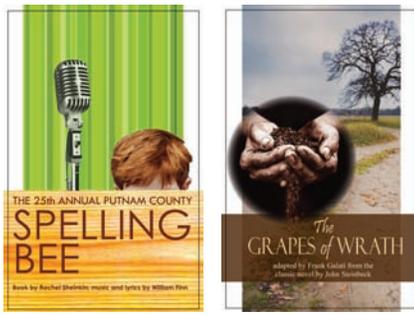


Our College Family

J. Bob Howington, age 75, of Gainesville, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, Feb. 3 following an aggressive case of melanoma, but for most of his life he enjoyed excellent health. Mr. Howington served for a number of years as Vice President for Business at Gainesville State College. Our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.



Our sincere condolences to Charles Bell and his family on the death of his grandmother on Sunday, Feb. 12. Ophie Dean Bell was 99 years old. Her funeral was held on Thursday, Feb. 16.



Don't miss out!

Tickets are still available for the remaining GTA performances of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" (Ed Cabell Theatre, GSC) and "The Grapes of Wrath" (Hosch Theatre, Brenau), Feb. 18, 19, and 21-25.

Call the Box Office (ext. 3568 or 3624) to reserve your tickets!

Annual Big Band Show set for March

Gainesville State College's Annual Big Band Show is set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 1, 2 & 3, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in GSC's Ed Cabell Theatre (Gainesville Campus).

This year's event will feature the talents of GSC's Jazz Band - Jazz Combo under the direction of **Dr. Andrew Santander**, Chair of Visual and Performing Arts and Professor of Music. The Chorale will be directed by **Mr. Bruce Sellers**, Instructor of Music/Acting Director of Choral/Vocal Studies. **Dr. Joanna Kim Doyle**, Assistant Professor of Music/Director of Keyboard Studies, is the accompanist.

The Jazz Band will be performing a varied program of selections from old favorites like "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" to more modern favorites by Freddie Hubbard, Charles Mingus and

Alan Baylock. From swing and Latin to fusion and funk, this show has a bit of something for everyone.

The Chorale will surprise and delight the audience with a program entitled "The Lullaby of Broadway." "We'll be doing some jazzy arrangements of some popular Broadway standards written by some of the great names associated with the Broadway stage," explained Sellers.

All seats are reserved, and ticket prices for the show are—Adults, \$14.25; GTA subscribers, \$8.25; and children, seniors, groups, non-GSC Students, \$10.25. Admission is free for GSC Faculty/Staff/Students (ID Required). Purchase tickets online at www.gsc.edu or call ext. 3624.

For more information about the concert, contact **Connie Esford** at ext. 3930.

PI Club welcomes two speakers

On February 6, GSC graduate Rich Elsarelli spoke to the Politically Incorrect (PI) Club. Mr. Elsarelli coordinates Ron Paul's presidential campaign in Georgia's 10th Congressional District. Many students and several faculty heard Mr. Elsarelli's presentation and asked him a variety of questions about national issues.

On February 13, Hall County Sheriff candidate Chuck Hewett spoke to the PI Club about local law enforcement concerns. He also answered many student and faculty questions. The PI Club meets every Monday from 12 to 1:10 in Academic II, Room 192, to discuss whatever issues are on students' minds that day. Everyone is invited!

Intl. Students host Carnival event

GSC's International Student Services celebrated its 5th Annual Carnival Event on Friday, February 10 at the Student Center on the Gainesville Campus.

Coordinator **Tashiana Cheeks** explains that Carnival, also known as Mardi Gras, is celebrated in many countries. It dates back as early as the 1700s, cultivating the traditions and customs of West Africa, but with influences from Asian and European cultures as well.

The purpose of the 2012 African Carnival at GSC was to promote a broader understanding and deeper appreciation for African culture by incorporating a variety of sights, sounds, and tastes. The event featured an African Dance performance by the Georgia State University dance team, as well as Stilt Dancers displaying various aspects of movement. Fashions from a variety of African countries were also presented.

✓ Mark your calendar:

- Fri., Feb. 17** *The Grapes of Wrath.* Brenau University's Hosch Theatre, Gainesville. Performances: 7:30PM, Feb. 17-18 and 21-25; 2:30PM Feb. 19. GTA Production.
- Fri., Feb. 17** *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.* Ed Cabell Theatre, CE/PA Center, GC. Performances: 7:30PM Feb. 17, 19, and 21-25; 2:30PM Feb. 18 and 25.
- Sat., Feb. 29** **Habitat Hustle 5K Race & Family Fun Run.** 3PM-4PM, Oconee Campus. \$15 entry fee. Benefits Habitat for Humanity.
- Thurs., Mar. 1** **Big Band Show.** 7:30PM, Ed Cabell Theatre, CE/PA Center, GC. GSC Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, and Chorale. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings.
- Mon., Mar. 5** **Spring Break--NO CLASSES.** Through Fri., Mar. 9.

GSC Presidential Art Award winners take part in new exhibit

In the fall of 1997, shortly after she became president of then-Gainesville College, **Dr. Martha T. Nesbitt** established the President's Art Award to recognize talented art students and to call attention to the outstanding art program at the College.

At the end of each term, a panel of faculty judges reviews works submitted by GSC art students, and the winning work is unveiled in a small ceremony. It hangs in the President's Conference Room for the following term.

During her tenure at GSC, Nesbitt has recognized 33 students and their artwork. Those individuals were invited back to take part in an exhibit and to once again display their winning artwork.

The exhibit will be on display in GSC's Roy C. Moore Art Gallery, located in the Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center (GC) from February 15 to March 14, 2012, with the Gallery Reception on Wednesday, February 22 at 5PM.

This exhibit is free and open to the public. The Gallery hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 10AM to 4PM; Thursday, 10AM to 7PM; and Friday, closed. For more information, contact Beth Sale, Gallery Director, at 678-717-3438 or 678-717-3707.

*Come to a
Reception
celebrating the publication
of Dr. Leslie Worthington's
first book,
Cormac McCarthy and
the Ghost of Huck Finn
Wednesday, February 29
Noon to 1:00 PM
Hosch Library
AV Room 134
Leslie will be giving a short talk and
a reading from her book. Copies are
available in the Gainesville Campus
bookstore and online.*



March 2012



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SPRING BREAK—NO CLASSES						
Brandon Haag—G Leslie Worthington—G	Shannon Gilstrap—G Tom Preston—G Steve Thellman—G	Paul Raptis—G Tajima Yumiko—G	Dawn Echols—G	Connie Esford—G Nick Kastner—G Heather Page—O Stacie Rowley—O	Yen-Chun Lin—G Alberto Perez— Visbal—G Luis Santos-Rivas—G	Anita Turlington—G
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Cynthia Edins—G Eva Escalante—G Hyoung-Seok Kim—G Lisa Watson—G	Juliana Lara—G Michael Roth—G		Sara Bell—O	Brandi Barnes—G Warren Caputo—G Jill Schulze—O	Anjana Freeman—G Jacqueline Saindon—G Patsy Worrall—G	Amy Collins—G Nelson Hicks—G Clifford Poole—G John Turlington—O
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Jennifer Goforth—G Mary Mason—G		Vera Aoun—G Chandra Karnati—G Matthew Weneta—G			Charles Belflower—O Christy Orr—G Bebe Williams—G	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Carla Jennings—O Kirsten Magee—O	Maryellen Cosgrove—G Susan Daniell—G Laura Hester—O Susan Little—G Alyssa Myers—O Karen Redding—O	Lois Lynn—G	William Lathem—G Robert Snead—G	Martha T. Nesbitt—G Patty Short—O	Jessica Cooke—G Marcy DiMaggio— Smith—G Katie James—O Joan Marler—G	Kyle Ankiel—G Paula Archivy—G Stephanie Nakamura—G